

Law and Public Health authorities, and making the unfortunate Poor Law witnesses say that they were in favour of the Public Health attitude¹ Of course Sidney supplied me with some instances, and I hurried off to consult M O H 's, Dr X, Dr Y (Infant Mortality expert) As luck would have it, Dr Z had to give evidence, and was puzzled to know what to talk about He dined here, and I brought out my instances of conflict In the witness-box, he made this conflict part of his thesis, though taking the Poor Law attitude, and complaining of the P H authorities'

pauperising tendencies With S's help, I drew up a memorandum emphasising all my points I am elaborating an enquiry of my own—with funds supplied by Charlotte Shaw (Mrs Bernard Shaw) so I merely said I should, in the course of the next six months, present the Commission with a further memorandum

* You might elaborate with a few more details the one you have already presented,' said Lord Geoige, in a frightened way And so it was left At present I am engaged in finding a medical woman to undertake the enquiry, and on rousing the interest of M O H 's throughout the country

" Meanwhile, despairing of any action on the part of the Commission, I have undertaken, unknown to them, an investigation

into the administration of the Boards of Guardians I shall put Mrs Spencer on to analyse the documents that are pouring in to me by every post, and Miss Bulkeley shall go through minutes I therefore look forward to at least three memos handed in by me—(i) Central Policy, (2) The Relation of Poor Law Medical Relief to Public Health, (3) Administration of Relief by Boards of Guardians, as well as the Report of the Special Investigatois on the Relation of Bad Conditions of Employment to Paupersm

" On these documents I shall base my report "

While busy m thus setting out lines of her own, independent of the Commission, and expecting, as she says later, to get into "hot water" over the means she was taking

to get facts, one of the most valuable services
she performed
as a member was her insistence on the
appointment of
Special Investigators Their Reports constitute,
in fact, the
most permanently valuable part of the bulky
volumes
containing the Reports, the Evidence and the
Appendices
to the Royal Commission of 1905-9 The Local
Govern-
ment Board Officials strove hard to prevent the
appointment